

William <sup>Sawd of</sup> Bethers Wax  
Mine (Elaterite)

On March 24, 1899 the Wasatch Wave contained an article stating the William Bethers and others had found a good vein of elaterite just east of the old Forman sawmill site in Daniels Canyon. It is now known as the Wax Mine, although not operating.

In 1905, when the Uintah Reservation was thrown open, Theodore Freeze took up a homestead at the head of Daniels Canyon. During a quarrel Don Herbert fatally shot Theodore. Herbert died before he was brought to trial. Theodore's youngest brother, Vic, got the place but became dissatisfied and gave it up. It now belongs in the Bethers family.

The road through Daniels Canyon during the early years was a narrow, twisting trail that crossed the stream by fording shallow places or hitting many bridges at just the right angle when coming down with long loads of timber. In the spring the mud would be almost hub deep; in the summer, deep dust, and in the winter, always the danger of snow slides.

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